

Service Date: July 1, 1999

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of)	
Cenex Pipeline, LLC., for Authority to)	UTILITY DIVISION
Increase Rates for Transportation on)	DOCKET NO.D99.5.120
Its Common Carrier Pipeline from)	ORDER NO. 6179
Laurel to Glendive, Montana.)	

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DEFAULT ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 7, 1999, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an application from Cenex Pipeline, LLC., (Cenex) for authority to increase rates and charges for transportation of refined petroleum products on its common carrier pipeline from Laurel to Glendive, Montana. Cenex requested an increase of \$924,000 in total annual revenues, for a rate increase of 20 percent. Cenex calculated the proposed revenue to be approximately \$5,546,000, compared with present revenues of \$4,622,000. This increase will help offset replacement of the majority of the pipeline between Billings and Glendive, Montana. Cenex Pipeline, LLC., has filed a new tariff (Montana PSC No. 18).

2. On May 19, 1999, the PSC issued and published a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline, requiring intervention by June 20, 1999 in order to conduct a public hearing. The PSC received no petitions for intervention.

3. The proposed versus the current rates are as follows:

<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>CURRENT (\$/BBL)</u>	<u>PROPOSED (\$/BBL)</u>
Laurel to Billings	\$0.10	\$0.12
Laurel to Glendive	\$0.42	\$0.505
Billings to Glendive	\$0.425	\$0.51

4. The PSC has reviewed the Application and finds the proposed increase acceptable.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the rates and charges of common carrier pipelines pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 13, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

2. Cenex Pipeline, LLC., is a common carrier pipeline transporting refined petroleum products and therefore is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The PSC approves the rates and charges as follows for Cenex Pipeline, LLC.

<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>\$/BBL</u>
Laurel to Billings	\$0.12
Laurel to Glendive	\$0.505
Billings to Glendive	\$0.51

2. This Order shall be effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 1999.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 29th day of June, 1999 by a 5-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.